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HUD's new rules for mixed-status families

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is moving forward with a rule that would force families with mixed immigration statuses living in HUD housing to either separate or be evicted. It would also make all HUD tenants verify their U.S. citizenship or immigration status.

The rule was published on Thursday, November 12, 2026. It is scheduled to go into effect on Monday, December 14, 2026. **We are working with our allies to stop this rule. It is possible the rule could be delayed from taking effect or stopped altogether.**

What are my rights?

Until HUD's final rule goes into effect, mixed status families have the same rights as they have for decades and the law stays the same.

- Mixed status families have the right to live together in HUD-assisted housing as long as one family member is a U.S. citizen or a noncitizen with eligible immigration status. **Nobody has to leave,** no matter what their citizenship or immigration status is.

- Family members who do not receive HUD assistance **do not need to share their immigration status** with HUD, the public housing authority, or the project owner. They have the right to keep their immigration status private.

Contact Mass Union at **info@massunion.org** if your housing may be at risk due to the rule.

We will help you consult a lawyer before making a decision about whether to stay or leave or whether to share information about a family member's immigration status. Learn more about Mass Union, the rule, and your legal rights at **MassUnion.org/Mixed-Status**.